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ROADWATCH: Week of May 15 - 21

The following is a list of highway projects that may affect traffic in the 12-county Salem Transportation District during the next week. Work schedules are always subject to change. New information is noted by "###". VDOT encourages motorists to call 511 or visit www.511Virginia.org for real-time traffic information.

INTERSTATE 81

* **INTERSTATE 81 POTHOLE PATCHING** – Weather permitting, mobile lane closures may be in place on northbound and southbound Interstate 81 in the Roanoke and New River valleys. Drivers should watch for slow moving traffic and possible lane closures during nighttime hours in Botetourt, Roanoke, Montgomery and Pulaski counties.

* **INTERSTATE 81 LIGHTING REPAIRS** – During nighttime hours, crews will work on lights above northbound and southbound I-81 between mile markers 118 and 119 in Montgomery County. Drivers should expect possible shoulder closures on weeknights.

* **INTERSTATE 81 SHOULDER WORK** – Weather permitting, work to remove rocks may cause shoulder closures along southbound I-81 in Montgomery County between mile markers 118 and 128 during daylight hours. In addition, nighttime lane closures may be in place at mile marker 109 on the exit ramps.

* **I-81 PAVEMENT REPAIRS & GUARDRAIL UPGRADES** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place for repairs and paving on a section of southbound I-81 between mile marker 151 and 156 in Botetourt County. Work will be performed during night time hours between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights. Right shoulder closures may occur during daytime hours, Monday through Friday, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. for guardrail work. Estimated completion is October 2010.

* **ROUTE 11 BRIDGE OVER INTERSTATE 81 INSPECTION** – Weather permitting, on Sunday, May 16, the Route 11 bridge over I-81 in Botetourt County will be inspected. The bridge is located near Buchanan. The inspection will cause various lane closures beneath the bridge on northbound and southbound I-81 between 7 a.m. and noon.

* **INTERSTATE 81 BRIDGE REPAIR** – Nighttime lane closures on weeknights may be in place on northbound I-81 in Botetourt County at mile markers 155 and 162 due to bridge repairs.

* **MOWING** – Weather permitting, shoulder closures may be in place on northbound and southbound Interstate 81 in the Roanoke and New River valleys. Watch workers along I-81 in Botetourt, Roanoke, Montgomery and Pulaski counties during both daytime and nighttime hours.

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ROANOKE

* **I-581/ROUTE 220 EXPRESSWAY POTHOLE PATCHING** – Weather permitting, mobile lane closures may be in place on northbound and southbound I-581/Route 220 Expressway in Roanoke due to pothole patching. Drivers should watch for slow moving traffic and possible lane closures during nighttime hours.

* **INTERSTATE 581 SHOULDER WORK** – Shoulder work may cause shoulder closures during daylight hours on northbound I-581 at mile marker 4.

* **ROUTE 220 PAVEMENT REPAIRS** – Work to replace sections of pavement on Route 220 Expressway may cause nighttime lane closures on weeknights between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Expect various lane closures. Work is tentatively planned for Wednesday, May 19.

* **MOWING** – Weather permitting, shoulder closures may be in place on northbound and southbound I-581 and Route 220 Expressway. Watch workers along the shoulders during both daytime and nighttime hours.

ROANOKE COUNTY

* **ROUTE 220 CURB AND SHOULDER REPAIR** – Work is underway on shoulders along northbound Route 220 between Route 674 (Clearbrook Lane) and Route 789 (Old Rocky Mount Road). Shoulder closures may be in place during daylight hours between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

* **ROUTE 221 PAVING** – Work to pave and install utility pipes along Route 221 at the corner of Colonial Avenue may cause shoulder and lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays.

* **ROUTE 311 SHOULDER WORK** – Weather permitting, work to repair shoulders may cause shoulder and lane closures on Route 311 between Route 419 and Route 912 (Absalom Smith Road). Work may be performed on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

* **COLONIAL AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS** – Work is under way to improve the 0.5-mile section of Colonial Avenue starting just west Route 687 (Penn Forest Boulevard) and extending to Route 419. Periodic lane closures may be in place at times in the work zone. Estimated completion is August 2010.

* **ROUTE 623 SHOULDER CLOSURE** – Weather permitting, the shoulder will be closed along Route 623 (Dent Road) between Airport Road and Route 822 (Pendleton Avenue) during daylight hours between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

* **ROUTE 1034 CUL-DE-SAC INSTALLATION** - Weather permitting, crews will be installing a cul-de-sac at the end of Route 1034 (Chestnut Mountain Road). Drivers should watch for crews working in the right of way.

* **MOWING** – Work to mow various primary roads may cause daytime shoulder and possible lane closures on the following primary roads: Route 11, Route 115 (Plantation Road), Route 117 (Peters Creek Road) and Route 221.

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Weather permitting, crews will patch pavement on various routes in Roanoke County. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on the following roads: Route 689 (Roselawn Road), Route 663 (Sterling Road), and Route 698 (Keffer Road).

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* **STREET SWEEPING** – Drivers should watch for flaggers controlling traffic along various subdivision streets during daytime hours on weekdays due to street sweeping. Work is tentatively planned on Route 628 (Woodhaven Road), Route 1170 (Green Ridge Road), Route 1524 (North Lakes Road) and Route 1721 (Montclair Road).

* **DITCH AND SHOULDER WORK** – Weather permitting, crews will work on shoulders or ditches along various secondary roads. Watch for signs and possible lane closures on weekdays during daylight hours. Work is tentatively planned on Route 727 (Berrybrook Drive).

BEDFORD COUNTY

* **ROUTE 460 PAVING** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place for paving on a 4.2 mile-section of eastbound Route 460 from Route 690 (Nester Road) to Route 681 (Magnolia Drive) and on a 0.3-mile section of westbound Route 460 starting east of the Route 689 (Irving Road) intersection. Work will be performed during daytime hours beginning at 7 a.m., Monday through Friday. Estimated completion is late May.

* **ROUTE 460 MOWING** – Weather permitting, crews may mow along Route 460 between the Botetourt County line and the Bedford City limits and from the Bedford City limits to the Campbell County line. Watch for signs and possible lane closures on weekdays during daylight hours.

* **ROUTE 221 BRIDGE PATCHING** – Weather permitting, the Route 221 bridge over Big Otter Creek will be patched. The bridge is located about 0.1 mile from Route 670. Work may cause lane closures on Route 221, Monday through Friday, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place on Route 43 due to pavement patching. Pavement patching is tentatively planned on Route 638 (Charlemont Road), Route 682 (Kelso Mill Road) and Route 784 (Nicolopolis Drive). Flaggers may direct traffic on these routes during daylight hours on weekdays.

* **ROUTE 644 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – Work is under way to replace the bridge on Route 644 over Elk Creek. Work will include removing the existing one lane bridge and replacing it with a two lane bridge at a new location. Motorists should watch for temporary lane closures and flaggers at various times. Estimated completion is July 2011.

* **ROUTE 806 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – Weather permitting, the Route 806 (Rucker Road) bridge over Stony Fork is closed and is being replaced. Route 806 is closed to through traffic between its intersections with Route 801 (Stony Fork Road) and Route 793 (Watson Road). Motorists should seek alternate routes around the closure.

* **BRUSH CUTTING (VARIOUS ROUTES)** – Weather permitting, crews will cut brush or mow along various routes. Watch for workers and equipment along the shoulders and possible lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays on Route 665 (White Road/Elk Valley Road).

BOTETOURT COUNTY

* **ROUTE 220 PAVING AND GUARDRAIL WORK** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place at various lane locations on northbound and southbound Route 220 between Fincastle and Iron Gate. Work will be performed during daylight hours beginning at 7 a.m., Monday through Friday. Estimated completion is in August.

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* **ROUTE 11 BRIDGE PATCHING** – Weather permitting, the Route 11 bridge over the James River will be patched. The bridge is located near Buchanan. Work may cause lane closures on northbound and southbound Route 11, Monday through Friday, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

* **ROUTE 220 SHOULDER REPAIRS** – Weather permitting, crews will be making shoulder repairs along Route 220 (Roanoke Road) at the entrance to Orchard Market Place. Drivers should watch for shoulder closures on weekdays during daylight hours.

* **INTERSTATE 81 BRIDGE OVER ROUTE 625 INSPECTION** – Weather permitting, on Sunday, May 16, the I-81 bridge over Route 625 (Pico Road) will be inspected. The bridge is located near Buchanan. Flaggers will control traffic beneath the bridge on Route 625 between noon and 5 p.m.

* **MOWING** – Work to mow various primary roads may cause daytime shoulder and possible lane closures on the following primary roads: Route 220, Route 220 Alternate and Route 11.

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Weather permitting, crews will patch pavement on various routes in Botetourt County. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on the following roads: Route 630 (Kessler Mill Road) and Route 779 (Catawba Road).

CARROLL COUNTY

* **INTERSTATE 77 BRIDGE REPAIRS** – Weather permitting, crews are beginning work on the I-77 bridge over Little Reed Island Creek. The bridge is located at mile marker 13.4. **Starting Sunday, May 16, shoulder widening and guardrail work will cause right lane closures on southbound I-77 from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. on weeknights.** In addition, on northbound and southbound I-77, shoulder closures may be in place during daytime hours between mile markers 11 and 16.

* **ROUTE 58 HILLSVILLE BYPASS CONSTRUCTION** – A traffic change tentatively is scheduled for Wednesday, May 19 and will affect the eastern end of the Hillsville Bypass project. Traffic on the two-lane section of Route 58 will be shifted onto a newly constructed 1,100-foot stretch of two-lane roadway. Once shifted, Route 58 traffic will remain in a two-lane configuration with one travel lane for each direction. Traffic will be routed off of the section of Route 58 that starts about 0.3 mile east of Route 669 (Spring Hollow Road) and extends to 0.1 mile east of Route 820 (Freemont Road).

* **ROUTE 58 HILLSVILLE BRIDGE WORK** – As part of the current Hillsville Bypass construction project, a change in traffic pattern is in place on Route 58 in Hillsville. The eastbound Route 58 bridge over Little Reed Island Creek is closed for reconstruction. The bridge is located near Gardner Mill Road between the west limits of Hillsville and Interstate 77. The bridge is being widened, and the riding surface replaced. Route 58 traffic is reduced to one lane in each direction and shifted into the westbound lanes for about 0.8 mile, and the speed limit is reduced to 35 mph. ***A traffic change is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 25. The upcoming change will keep traffic reduced to one lane in each direction but shift it from the westbound lanes into the eastbound lanes of Route 58.***

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* **BRIDGE PATCHING** – Work is under way to patch the Route 58 bridge over Crooked Creek, the Route 714 bridge over Reed Island Creek and the Route 620 bridge over I-77. Crews may be working Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Flaggers will control traffic at times.

CRAIG COUNTY

* **ROUTE 311 SHOULDER WORK** – Weather permitting, work to repair shoulders may cause shoulder and lane closures on Route 311 between Route 658 and the Roanoke County line. Work may be performed on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

FLOYD COUNTY

* **ROUTE 787 BRIDGE REPAIR** – Weather permitting, the Route 787 bridge over the Big Indian Creek will be patched. The bridge is located near Route 787's intersection with Route 740. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic Monday through Friday, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Weather permitting, crews may patch pavement on various secondary roads. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays. Work is tentatively scheduled on the following roads:

- Route 615
- Route 638 (Walnut Knob Road)
- Route 681 (Franklin Pike)
- Route 799 (Conner Grove Road)
- Route 813 (Penn Road)
- Route 823 (Hubbard Road)

* **UNPAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE**– Crews will be working on several secondary non-hard surface roads grading and replacing stone with periodic lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays. Work is tentatively scheduled on the following roads:

- Route 601 (Berryhill Road)
- Route 603 (Fort Mountain Road)
- Route 629 (Long Mountain Road)
- Route 714 (Spring Dale Road)
- Route 721 (Falling Branch Road)
- Route 740 (Indigo Mountain Road)
- Route 742 (Loss Bent Road)
- Route 745 (King Ranch Lane)
- Route 775 (Henry Lane)
- Route 780 (Turnip Patch Road)
- Route 814 (Dulaney Road)

* **PIPE REPLACEMENT** – Flaggers may direct traffic on Route 727 (Moles Road) and Route 760 (Quesenberry Road) during daylight hours on weekdays due to work to replace pipes.

* **ROUTE 744 BRUSH CUTTING** – Weather permitting, crews will cut brush along Route 744 (John Deere Road). Watch for workers and equipment along the shoulders and possible lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

* **ROUTE 605 RAIL CROSSING WORK** – Weather permitting, on Monday, May 17, Route 605 (Henry Road) in the Henry area of Franklin County will be closed to traffic from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. due to work on the rail crossing. The rail crossing is located about 0.1 mile from the Henry County line. Drivers will need to detour around the closure. Message boards will be in place on Route 605 to alert drivers to the upcoming closure.

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* **ROUTE 220 MOWING** – Weather permitting, crews will work on shoulders along Route 220 between the Henry County line and the Roanoke County line. Watch for signs and possible lane closures on weekdays during daylight hours.

* **REMOVE ROUTE 122 BRIDGE PATCHING** – Work is completed.

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Weather permitting, crews may patch pavement on various secondary roads. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays. Work is tentatively scheduled on the following roads:

- Route 613 (Naff Road)
- Route 646/676 (Doe Run Road)
- Route 707 (Muse Field Road)
- Route 713 (Power Dam Road)
- Route 832 (Ledbetter Road)

* **UNPAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE** – Crews will be working on several secondary non-hard surface roads. Watch for flaggers on weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

GILES COUNTY

* **ROUTE 460 POTHOLE PATCHING** – Weather permitting, temporary lane closures may be in place on eastbound and westbound Route 460 due to pothole patching. Watch for possible lane closures during daylight hours.

* **ROUTE 100 BRIDGE PATCHING** – Crews will be performing deck patching on the bridge over Walker Creek on Route 100. Flaggers may control traffic at times, Monday through Friday, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

* **ROUTE 460 BRIDGE PATCHING** – Work is under way to patch two bridges on Route 460 bridges. The bridges cross the New River and the railroad tracks. Crews may be working Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Lane closures will be in place at times.

* **ROUTE 635 BRIDGE REPAIRS** – Crews have begun repairs on the bridge over Stoney Creek. The bridge is located about 0.5 mile north of Kimbleton Lime Plant. Crews will be working Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Traffic will be reduced to one lane across the bridge and controlled by signals. Estimated completion is July 2010.

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Weather permitting, crews may patch pavement on various secondary roads. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays. Work is tentatively scheduled on Route 601 (Clover Hollow Road) and Route 602 (Laurel Springs Road).

* **DITCH AND SHOULDER WORK** – Weather permitting, crews will work on shoulders or ditches along various secondary roads. Watch for signs and possible lane closures on weekdays during daylight hours. Work is tentatively planned on Route 647 (Powell Mountain Road).

* **UNPAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE** – Crews will be working on several secondary non-hard surface roads during daylight hours. Work is tentatively planned on Route 676 (Conley Hollow Road) and Route 690 (Carr Farm Road). Watch for signs and flaggers.

* **ROUTE 730 BRIDGE REPAIRS** – Bridge work on Route 730 (Eggleston Road) will impact traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Use caution and watch for signs.

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HENRY COUNTY

* **ROUTE 220 BUSINESS PAVING** – Weather permitting, nighttime lane closures may be in place for paving on northbound and southbound Route 220 Business starting at its intersection with Route 58 and extending 3.4 miles to just south of Martinsville Speedway. This section of Route 220 Business is located south of Martinsville near the Cloverleaf shopping center. Paving will be performed during nighttime hours, Monday through Friday, from 7 p.m. until 7 a.m. until completed. Motorists should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

* **ROUTE 220 BUSINESS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – Work to replace the Route 220 Business bridge over the railroad tracks is underway. The bridge is located near the Route 87 intersection in Ridgeway. Route 220 Business is closed from Route 639 to Mica Road. Motorists should seek alternate routes around the closure.

* **ROUTE 220 MEDIAN INSTALLATION** – Work to install a concrete median at the Dyer Street intersection near Bassett Forks continues. The left northbound lane and the left southbound lane are closed. These lanes are expected to remain closed until sometime in June.

* **BRIDGE PATCHING** – Work is under way to patch the Route 220 bridge over the railroad tracks, the Route 220 bridge over Route 1714 and the Route 668 bridge over Marrow Bone Creek. Crews may be working Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Lane closures may be in place on Route 220, and flaggers may control traffic on Route 668 at times.

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING**– Flaggers may be controlling traffic during daylight hours due to pothole patching on various secondary roads throughout Henry County. Drivers should expect possible short-term delays.

* **ROUTE 701 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – The Route 701 (Field Avenue) bridge over the Smith River is closed to traffic. The old, iron bridge is located in Fieldale between Route 57 and Route 682 (River Road). The bridge is closed, so it can be demolished and replaced. Traffic is being detoured between Route 701 and Route 57 onto Route 682 and Route 609. To improve traffic flow and reduce congestion, the traffic pattern on the detour route at the intersection of Route 609 (South Daniels Creek Road) and Route 682 has been changed. Traffic on Route 609 is no longer required to stop at its intersection with Route 682. Instead, new stop signs have been installed requiring Route 682 traffic to stop at this intersection. This week, flagging operations will be utilized on Route 57 adjacent to the old bridge on either side of the railroad tracks. Estimated completion is November 2010.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

* **ROUTE 460 POTHOLE PATCHING** – Weather permitting, mobile lane closures may be in place on eastbound and westbound Route 460 Bypass due to pothole patching. Drivers should watch for slow moving traffic and possible lane closures during nighttime hours.

* **ROUTE 460 BYPASS GUARDRAIL REPAIRS** – Work to repair damaged guardrail may cause right lane closures during nighttime hours on the Route 460 Bypass. Work tentatively planned for Sunday, May 16.

* **ROUTE 460 BYPASS LIGHTING REPAIR** – During nighttime hours, crews will work on lights above the Route 460 Bypass. Drivers should expect possible nighttime lane closures on weeknights on eastbound and westbound Route 460 Bypass.

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* **ROUTE 114 WIDENING** – Work to widen the section of Route 114 (Peppers Ferry Road) in Christiansburg between Strafford Street and Chrisman Mill Road near the New River Valley mall is almost complete in Christiansburg is almost complete. Periodic lane closures during daylight hours may occur as work is being finalized.

* **ROUTE 631 UTILITY WORK** – Beginning Wednesday, May 19 through Friday, May 21, a portion of Route 631 (Brake Road) in Montgomery County will be closed for utility work. Traffic will be detoured via Route 754 (Callaway Street) and Route 732. Message boards and signs will direct motorists around the closure.

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Weather permitting, crews may patch pavement on various secondary roads. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays. Work is tentatively scheduled on the following roads:

- Flanagan Drive
- Route 600 (Piney Woods Road)
- Route 600 (Fire Tower Road)
- Route 622 (Bradshaw Road)
- Route 658 (Meadow Creek Road)
- Route 693 (Childress Road)
- Route 785 (Harding Road)
- Route 787 (Indian Valley Road)

* **ROUTE 669 DITCHING** – Weather permitting, work on ditches may cause shoulder and lane closures on Route 669 (Union Valley Road). Work may be performed on weekdays during daylight hours.

* **UNPAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE** – Crews will be working on several secondary non-hard surface roads during daylight hours on weekdays. Work is tentatively planned on Route 628 (Dry Run Road) and Route 643 (Yellow Sulphur Road). Watch for flaggers.

PATRICK COUNTY

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Flaggers may be controlling traffic during daylight hours due to pothole patching on various secondary roads throughout Patrick County. Drivers should expect possible short-term delays.

* **ROUTE 8 CONNECTOR / RYE COVE STREET CLOSURE** – As part of the Route 8 connector construction, a section of Rye Cove Street will be reconfigured and will no longer be a through road. Rye Cove Street (T-1006) between Buena Vista Avenue and Rucker Street in Stuart is permanently closed to through traffic.

PULASKI COUNTY

* **ROUTE 11 AND ROUTE 114 SWEEPING** – Drivers should watch for slow moving traffic along Route 11 and Route 114 during daytime hours on weekdays due to sweeping.

* **OLD ROUTE 100 ROAD PATCHING** – Weather permitting, work to patch pavement on Old Route 100 Road may cause lane closures. Work may be performed on weekdays during daylight hours.

* **BRUSH CUTTING (VARIOUS ROUTES)** – Weather permitting, crews will cut brush or mow along various routes. Watch for workers and equipment along the shoulders and possible lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays on Route 639 (Loving Field Road) and Route 660 (State Park Road).

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